

CSI:Jerusalem

John 19:38 – 20:8

Eye-witnesses to the death of Jesus

1. Those who were crucified with Him
2. The guards who supervised the cross

Fact 1. John 19:31-37

Eye-witnesses to the burial of Jesus

1. Joseph of Arimathea
2. Nicodemus, the Chief Teacher of Israel

Fact 2. John 19:38-42

Eye-witness to the details of the burial of Jesus

1. Spices of Myrrh and Aloes
2. Strips of linen, the local custom

Fact 3. John 19:39-40

Claim: Shroud of Turin. John 11:44

Surprise: 35kg of myrrh and aloes

Eye-witnesses to the rock-solid cocoon

1. John
2. Simon Peter

Fact 4. John 20:5-7

Conflicting story by eye-witnesses

1. Guards claim they slept but saw who took the body

Fact 5. Matthew 28:13

Eye-witness who saw Jesus alive

1. Mary Magdalene. John 20:11-18
2. Hundreds of others. 1 Corinthians 15:5-6

Fact 6. 1 Corinthians 15:5-6

Is Jesus' resurrection a surprise?

No. He raised others from the dead.

No. His resurrection was predicted. 1 Corinthians 15:5-6

No. His resurrection was promised. John 10:18

Thought starters of private reflection or group discussion

1. Why do you think “who done it” books and programs remain an ever-popular form of entertainment?
2. Why do you like, or dislike, this form of entertainment?
3. Why do you think God provided so many diverse eye-witnesses to both the death, and resurrection, of Jesus?
4. Nicodemus needed a teaspoon of the resin, myrrh; and a cup or two of aloe. Why do you think he arrived with 35kg? (John 19:39)
5. What would be the result of using the normal amount of myrrh and aloe; and what would be the result of using 35kg?
6. Are you disappointed that the Shroud of Turin does not meet the Biblical criteria? Why do you think there are no verifiable artifacts that are associated with Jesus?
7. The guards told a different story about the empty tomb (Matthew 28:13). How do we help those who make counter-claims about what we read in Scripture?

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